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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/049,764	DESSEIN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Edwin A. León	2833	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 December 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.      2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 10-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 10-12, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 13-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some \* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                              | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)          | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's amendment filed December 11, 2003 in which Claims 10-18 have been amended, has been placed of record in the file.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 10-12 and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Laudig et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,772,222). With regard to Claim 10, Laudig et al. discloses an HF right-angle connector (1) comprising a plug receiver (7), on which a key (14) for the plug (16) to be received is disposed, and a socket housing (22), in which connecting means for a coaxial cable (2) are accommodated, wherein the plug receiver (7) has a latching device (51) for securing the plug (16) to be received is disposed on the plug receiver (7), and the plug receiver (7) is mountable in one of three different positions on the socket housing (22), so that the latching device (51) is

disposed either to the left of the socket housing (22) or to the right or at an end face of the socket housing (22). See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 11, Laudig et al. discloses the latching device (51) constituting the key (14) for the plug (16) to be received. See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 12, Laudig et al. discloses keying grooves/ribs (29) being provided in the plug receiver (7) which cooperate with corresponding keying ribs/grooves (32) on the plug (16) to be received. See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 17, Laudig et al. discloses the latching device (51) on the plug receiver (7) comprising of a latching hook (54). See Figs. 1-5.

With regard to Claim 18, Laudig et al. discloses an insulation displacement connection (Fig. 4.) for connecting to an external conductor (5) and a crimp connection (Fig. 4.) for connecting to an internal conductor (3). See Figs. 1-5.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 13-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims for the reasons stated in the Office Action of September 29, 2003.

***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed December 11, 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to Applicant's arguments regarding Claim 1 that the Lauding et al. reference doesn't show a latching device for securing the plug, Applicant's attention is directed to Fig. 4 in which Lauding et al. discloses the latching device (51) securing the housing (22) and therefore securing the plug (16). Applicant is reminded that the claim does not recite the latching device directly securing the plug. Therefore, it is the Examiner's opinion that the claims would read on the Lauding et al. reference in its broadest interpretation.

***Conclusion***

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** necessitated by amendment. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edwin A. León whose telephone number is (571) 272-2008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, extension 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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